



IDAHO CROP WEATHER



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COOL DAMP WEATHER HAMPERS SPRING PROGRESS

This past week brought cool temperatures, rain, and snow to much of the state. All weather reporting stations recorded below normal temperatures. Precipitation levels varied from none to

.4 inches across Southern areas, while Northern areas reported up to 2.07 inches. For the week ending April 4, reports indicate that farmers had an average of 2.5 days suitable for fieldwork. According to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service, major activities during the past week involved planting spring wheat, barley, potatoes, onions, dry peas, oats, and sugarbeets, feeding and caring for livestock, equipment maintenance, field preparation, hauling seed potatoes, and applying fertilizer.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES

	Planted %		
	1999	1998	Avg.
Onions	52	47	58
Dry Peas	13	9	5
Oats	5	9	7

CROP REPORT

Mild winter conditions and a lack of snow cover in lower elevations created perfect conditions for voles. Southcentral and Eastern areas reported vole damage to winter wheat alfalfa

stands. In Lincoln County, a hard soil crust on some winter wheat fields will require reseeding with spring wheat. Despite these problems a majority of winter wheat is in good to excellent condition. Statewide small grain plantings are slightly below the five year average. A small percentage of budding fruit trees have been damaged by the recent cold spell throughout Southern regions. Reports indicate that topsoil moisture was 2% short, 56% adequate and 42% surplus.

CONDITION INFORMATION

Percentages	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	0	2	12	66	20
Irr. Water Supply	0	0	2	37	61
Pasture & Range	1	1	5	82	11

LIVESTOCK REPORT

Livestock conditions were reported to be good for the week ending April 4. The cool damp conditions have not created any major problems. Calving was 84% complete, and lambing was 86% complete. Hay and roughage supplies were reported to be 4% short, 58% adequate, and 38% surplus.

CROP PROGRESS REPORT PERCENTAGES FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 4, 1999

Crop	North			Southwest			Southcentral			East			State		
	1999	1998	Avg	1999	1998	Avg	1999	1998	Avg	1999	1998	Avg	1999	1998	Avg
Spring Wheat															
Planted	3	16	5	77	75	70	56	48	50	9	8	13	20	20	24
Emerged	0	3	1	26	46	29	1	10	8	1	0	1	2	5	5
Barley															
Planted	3	13	4	51	54	56	46	29	48	5	3	6	15	12	17
Emerged	0	1	1	9	34	25	3	5	7	1	0	0	2	3	3
Potatoes															
Planted	NA	NA	NA	1	3	10	2	7	3	0	0	0	1	2	1
Sugarbeets															
Planted	NA	NA	NA	44	51	52	10	17	17	3	3	12	15	23	28
Emerged	NA	NA	NA	3	16	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	2

Avg (1994-1998); NA = Very Small Percentage of Acreage in District

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Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, April 4, 1999 ^{1/}

Station	Temperature ^{2/}				Growing Degree Days ^{4/}			Precipitation (Inches)				
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept. ^{3/}	40E Base	50E Base To Date	Normal	Total	Dept ^{3/}	Month of April	March 1 To Date	Normal
North												
Coeur D'Alene	48	25	32	-12	1	0	0	0.00	-0.34	0.00	0.08	2.83
Grangeville	39	16	26	-15	2	0	0	0.00	-0.59	0.00	0.59	2.74
Lewiston	56	29	41	-7	140	16	0	0.48	0.23	0.09	1.21	1.22
Sand Point	53	23	37	-4	58	2	0	2.07	1.54	0.07	3.12	3.10
Southwest												
Boise	59	26	40	-6	146	21	0	0.28	0.01	0.04	0.97	1.46
Caldwell	64	28	43	-5	184	30	0	0.00	-0.25	0.00	0.02	1.21
Emmett 5/	--	--	--	--	169	25	0	0.00	-0.28	0.00	0.00	1.45
Mountain Home	57	27	39	-6	112	14	0	0.06	-0.17	0.01	0.35	1.17
Parma	67	26	42	-4	158	14	0	0.40	0.16	0.27	1.56	1.24
Weiser	64	27	43	-3	135	14	0	0.08	-0.19	0.08	0.60	1.27
Southcentral												
Buhl	60	25	37	-5	114	20	0	0.10	-0.10	0.10	0.82	1.06
Burley	63	29	39	-4	120	13	0	0.21	0.02	0.21	0.28	1.01
Hill City	41	13	27	-8	1	0	0	0.00	-0.26	0.00	0.55	1.30
Hagerman	60	23	39	-9	123	19	0	0.01	-0.19	0.01	0.43	1.16
Malta	46	19	32	-12	98	17	0	0.02	-0.14	0.02	0.22	0.93
Twin Falls	60	17	36	-7	113	17	0	0.02	-0.20	0.02	0.55	1.20
East												
Aberdeen	60	22	37	-2	59	0	0	0.00	-0.16	0.00	0.24	0.81
Grace	55	20	36	-1	46	0	0	0.00	-0.30	0.00	0.96	1.48
Idaho Falls	60	14	34	-5	54	0	0	0.24	0.03	0.24	0.82	0.94
Malad City	55	19	36	-5	101	10	0	0.00	-0.26	0.00	0.04	1.26
Pocatello	61	21	36	-5	74	1	0	0.20	-0.06	0.20	0.77	1.40
Rexburg	57	21	37	-1	26	2	0	0.03	-0.19	0.03	1.06	1.26
Salmon	57	19	35	-7	64	6	0	0.00	-0.23	0.00	0.10	0.52

1/ Weekly summary provided by the Western Regional Climate Center with data reported by the National Weather Service. When data is quality controlled by the National Climate Center the accumulated growing degree days and precipitation values are updated. 2/ -- indicate missing or incomplete data. 3/ Departure from normal. 4/ Totals from March 1. Growing degree days are estimated from neighboring sites for stations with missing or incomplete data. 5/ Precipitation totals are only for days reports were received, no estimates were made for missing data.

Daily High/Low Four Inch Soil Temperatures

Station	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Average ^{2/}	
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
Buhl	53	37	53	39	51	40	41	36	48	36	52	36	47	36	49	37
Emmett	53	44	53	48	53	46	47	43	56	42	59	45	54	45	54	45
Parma	48	40	50	40	47	43	45	40	47	40	49	43	46	40	47	41
Sandpoint	36	35	35	35	37	34	41	35	42	38	43	38	41	39	39	36
Twin Falls	46	36	46	37	45	39	--	--	40	37	40	37	43	35	43	37

1/ Eight Inch Reading. 2/ Averages are only for days reports were received. -- Missing or Incomplete Data.

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